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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): An adapter to read and operate Smart Cards, said adapter comprising:

a housing adapted to receive a Smart Card and having a pinout arrangement adapted to interface with a PCMCIA socket; and

a circuit adapted to control selected signal lines of said pinout arrangement to permit a Smart Card controller to read and operate said Smart Card through said PCMCIA socket.

Claim 22 (currently amended): An adapter as claimed in claim 21, wherein said pinout arrangement of said ~~second~~ expansion card comprising a PCMCIA Type II/III pinout arrangement.

Claim 23 (currently amended): An adapter system to read and operate Smart Cards, said system comprising:

an integrated controller comprising a first circuit for detecting said Smart Card, a second circuit enabled by said first circuit for operating said Smart Card, and a third circuit enabled by said first and second circuits to provide communication between said Smart Card and a Smart

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Card controller and between said Smart Card and a bus controller logic using conventional PC card communication protocols; and

an adapter enabled to provide operability of said Smart Card in a PCMCIA type II/III socket.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A system as claimed in claim 23, wherein said ~~passive~~-adapter comprising a circuit and a connector, said circuit connected to said connector and adapted to operate said ~~first expansion card~~ Smart Card and to generate signals operable through said socket.

Claims 25-27 (cancelled )